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RECOGNIZING NECESSITY US ACTION, BELIEVES THAT QUARANTINE CONSTITUTES CLOSEST STEP YET TAKEN TO BRINK OF WAR AND THAT SOVIET REACTION IS INEVITABLE. SERVICE ATTACHES REPORT THAT NDGS HAS ESTABLISHED AN INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING CENTER WHICH OPERATES 24 HOURS A DAY TO DEAL WITH MATTERS CONCERNING CUBAN CRISIS.

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CONSIDERS SITUATION ARISING FROM CUBAN QUARANTINE "HIGHLY CRITICAL" AND IS ATTEMPTING ORGANIZE DISTRICT COMMITTEES TO DELIVER PROTESTS TO EMBASSY OCTOBER 24. THREE SMALL GROUPS (NUMBERING 7 TO 10 PERSONS) CAME TO EMBASSY AND MADE ORAL PROTESTS. MAIN LINE OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA ATTACK IS STILL THROUGH EDA ORGAN AVGHI WHICH CONTINUES SHRILL ATTACK AGAINST US "PIRACY AND GANGSTERISM."

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